BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the Government of NCT, Delhi and the Delhi High Court and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it becomes available.

Indian Judicial Service

1166. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to introduce Indian Judicial Service and also to bring uniformity in pay and status of subordinate judiciary in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Arising out of the Supreme Court's order in Writ Petition No. 1022 of 1989 dated 24th August, 1993 the Government is still processing the introduction of Indian Judicial Service in consultation with State Government/High Courts. With regard, however, to bring about uniformity in pay and status of the Subordinate Judiciary in the country, Government has decided to set up the first National Judicial Pay Commission to examine the present structure of emoluments and service conditions of Judicial Officers in the States/Union Territories under the Chairmanship of Mr. Justice K. Jagannatha Shetty, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court.

Powers of Company Law Board

1167. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Company Law Board has the power to enforce its own orders and to initiate action against a defaulting company; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) :(a) and (b) Any order made by Company Law Board may be enforced by the Board in the same manner as if it were a decree made by the Court in a suit as per Section 634A of the Companies Act. In the case of its inability itself to execute such order, the Company Law Board may take the assistance of the Court within whose local limit the registered office of the company is situated or where a person about whom order the been passed voluntarily resides or carries on business or personally workers for gain.

Functioning of Regional Advisory Committees

1168. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Regional Advisory Committees at present functioning in the Ministry of Railways;

(b) whether it is a fact that nominations made to these Committees far exceeded the prescribed limits; and

(c) if so, the percentage of increase in nomination made of the Ministry/ Government representatives in those Committees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Urban Land Ceiling Regulation Act

1169. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Urban Land Ceiling and Regulation Act, 1976, has not served its purpose due to the failure of the State Governments to implement it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are now planning to make certain changes in the

Act, emphasising greater participation of private agencies in housing activities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to ensure complete implementation of the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI R.K. DHAWAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Main reasons therefor are prolonged litigation and vast scope of discretionary powers particularly relating to grant of exemption under Section 20 of the Act.

(c) to (e) The Government is considering various proposals to amend the Act in order to make it more workable by shifting the thrust from acquisition to development of land mainly for the purpose of housing. No. final decision has been taken so far.

Completion of Inquiry into Ferozabad Train Accident

1170. SHRI RAGHAVJI:
SHRI O.P. KOHLI:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether inquiry in the rail-accident on August 20, 1995, at Firozabad between the Purushottam and Kalindi Express in which over 250 persons were killed, has since been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the causes and circumstances of the accident;

(c) the compensation since paid to the victims or their families; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent recurrence of such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) and (d) Yes, Sir. The enquiry by the Commissioner of Railway Safety, Northern Circle into the accident at Firozabad station involving Purushottam and Kalindi Express trains on 20.8.95 has been completed and his report has since been received. The Commissioner of Railway Safety has ascribed failure of the Switchman, West Cabin of Firozabad to put back the lever of starter signal to 'ON' position (red colour) after passage of Kalindi Express and for despatching Purushottam Express on the occupied line without taking 'line clear' from the next station as the cause of the accident.

(c) Ex-gratia payment of Rs. 29,10,000/- to the dependents of the deceased and Rs. 2,73,000/- to the injured have been made. Compensation will be paid soon after the claims are decreed by the Railway Claims Tribunal.

(d) The steps taken to prevent recurrence of such accidents are as under:-

(i) The Government has decided to complete track circuiting from Fouling Mark to Fouling Mark on all the stations on trunk routes and main lines by March, 1996. Track circuiting between starter and advanced starter on all the trunk routes will be completed by June, 1996.

(ii) The radio-based communication system between station staff, driver and guard of the running train will be provided which will enable preventive action in such exigencies.

(iii) Railways have been asked to provide track circuit ahead of starter signal to make the starter signal red after the passage of the train.

(iv) The distance between starter and advanced starter is being reduced to 180 metres at road side stations so that the train, if it has not passed advanced starter, can be seen by the Cabinman.